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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: DCI Appearance before CIA Subcommittees of Senate
Armed Services and Senate Appropriations -
Monday, 5 March 1962, 10:30 a.m.**

1. The Director met with the CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations in a joint meeting on Monday, 5 March 1962, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting for approximately two hours. The members of these Subcommittees were briefed on the Powers case. Present from the Agency were:

John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence
Lawrence R. Houston, General Counsel
John S. Warner, Legislative Counsel



Major Harry N. Cordes, USAF

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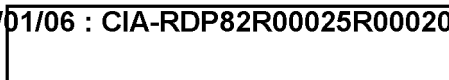
Present from the Subcommittees were:

Senator Richard B. Russell
Senator Harry Flood Byrd
Senator John Stennis
Senator Leverett Saltonstall
Senator Milton R. Young

Bill Darden from the staff was also present. There was a technical sweep of the room and no transcript was taken.

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2. The Director read his prepared statement. During the course of various questions, the OXCART project was discussed briefly. In addition, the Director commented on the recent U-2 flights [REDACTED]

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3. Senator Saltonstall brought up the question of Downey and Fecteau. The Director mentioned there was a recent meeting with the Communist Chinese in Poland and also mentioned he had met with Mrs. Downey and Ambassador Bean just last Saturday.

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5. Discussion then turned to the press conference or public committee hearings with Powers as a witness. Senator Saltonstall thought that the Senate Armed Services should have Powers to protect him from a press conference and also to avoid other committees. Senator Byrd strongly endorsed this suggestion. Eventually Senator Russell said this would be a good way to demonstrate publicly the legislative oversight jurisdiction of CIA by Senate Armed Services as opposed to Senator Foreign Relations. Senator Saltonstall also mentioned the agreement that there would be no public comment until a public release by the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services and this Subcommittee set for 12 o'clock the next day.

6. There seemed to be complete satisfaction by the members that the case was answered fully in all respects.

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JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

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